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REMARKS

Applicant concurrently files herewith a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time.

Entry of this Amendment is proper because it cancels the only rejected claim, leaving only allowed claims.

Claims 1-6 and 25-38 presently pending in the application. Claim 39 has been canceled in the interest of expediting prosecution.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 1-6 and 25-38 have been allowed.

Since only allowed claims remain in the application, the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 1-6 and 25-38, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including

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extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account
No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that I am filing this Amendment with Examiner Ahmed N. Sefer, Group Art Unit No. 2826 within the United States Patent and Trademark Office at facsimile number 703-872-9306 on January 10, 2005.

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